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# 'Pumped' to skate with Sid

**COLE HARBOUR** 

Young hockey hopefuls hang with hometown hero on the ice



Kristen Lipscombe Metro | Halifax

As he put one knee on the ice and leaned on his stick, listening to the next drill, Sidney Crosby became just another local kid, Monday at Cole Harbour Place.

While the aspiring young hockey stars attending the inaugural Sidney Crosby Hockey School looked up to the Pittsburgh Penguins captain with admiration, the hometown boy led by example, watching his fellow coaches go over practice plans.

The 160 girls and boys who stepped onto the ice for the first day of the five-day camp couldn't hide their excitement.

"The smiles on the kids' faces they were just pumped,' organizer Paul Mason said of seeing kids filter through the rink doors, ready to lace up with one of the biggest names in the

Mason said there were "thousands of applicants" for Crosby's camp, with "geographical draws"



Sidney Crosby kneels with players at his hockey camp Monday in Cole Harbour. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

ensuring a mix of kids from Cole Harbour, across both the province and the country, and even around the world.

"From Maine, down to Florida, across Texas, California and all of those states in between," Mason said. "We've even got some kids from Japan. Kids here that look up to him, it's pretty neat that they get to go on the ice with them.

"It's awesome," centre Garrett Williams, 10, said, and rightwinger Emillie Murdock, also 10, agreed, saying: "It's amazing." Ten-year-old Cole Harbour kid

and blueliner Kiersten MacLeod said, "We got to go on the ice and do stations and work on stuff."

There were also rumours that special guests such as Crosby's good friend and Colorado Avalanche forward Nathan MacKinnon, also from Cole Harbour, would stop by the arena at some point.

Instilling positive qualities such as passion and sportsmanship are also important skills being taught at Sid's camp, Mason

"It's more than just on ice," he said. "Hopefully they're learn something about ... how to be a good team player.'

About 100 volunteers pitched in to make this year's camp happen, Mason said, with proceeds going to the Sidney Crosby Foun-

"Sid wanted it to be here," he said. "He wanted to do this, and bring it back to Cole Harbour."



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# Family's rock 'n' roll Journey ends with disappointment

EXPIRED ID CARD

# Man with Down syndrome denied access to concert



CJ Sutherland isn't about to stop believing, but the 24-year-old Head of Chezzetcook resident sure is disappointed he didn't get to see one of his favourite bands play live.

Sutherland, who has Down syndrome, was denied access to last Friday night's Journey concert on Alderney Landing because his Nova Scotia identification card had been expired for about a month.

"We went out to supper and we came down ... here and we found some parking, and we were all pretty excited," Sutherland's father, Chris Martin, told Metro while sitting with his family inside the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal on Monday.

"We got up to the security gate and the security guard was kind of looking at us a little funny, so I just assumed he wanted to see some ID for



CJ Sutherland, left, had been looking forward to the Journey concert on Alderney Landing for months. His father, Chris Martin, said his son with Down syndrome was denied access due to an expired provincial identification card. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

CJ," he explained. "He stared at it for some time, handed it back to me and said, 'You're not getting in with this; it's expired."

It was an honest mistake by the family that ended with a broken-hearted CJ, who "had been waiting for several months" to see the well-known American rockers take the stage at the outdoor Dartmouth venue.

"He's old-school, like dad," Martin said with a smile, 3

He kept apologizing to us and we're trying to say, 'It's not your fault.'

Chris Martin of his son, CJ Sutherland

looking proudly across the table as his son, CJ, who has limited verbal skills, reached out to hold on to his mom's hand.

Martin and CJ's mother, Cathy Sutherland, tried everything they could to get their son into the concert, asking if they could watch from an alcohol-free zone or an area for individuals with disabilities.

"You've got a section for smokers, you've got a section for drinkers," Martin said, adding his son is "of age; we weren't interested in drinking."

But both the security guard they initially talked to and a manager that followed up with the family turned them away because of CJ's expired identification.

"He had tears in his eyes," Martin said.

There was a silver lining to CJ's journey. A woman who the family believes works at the Alderney Landing box office was kind enough to refund all three tickets, and handed CJ a free Journey T-shirt from the group's current Canadian tour.

"She was very, very nice,"

Martin said, but said CJ still doesn't "understand why he didn't get in to see Journey."

"When he gets confused like that, he says, 'I'm sorry,' Martin said.

According to the Alderney Landing events website, the Journey concert was listed as "a 19+ event."

"This ticket does not guarantee your entry," the site says. "If you do not have valid ID, you can be refused entry."

Martin and Sutherland said they hope future Alderney Landing concerts will be more family-friendly, but added they'll definitely double check concert rules and ensure identifications are valid the next time they buy any tickets.

Event promoter Evenko and Alderney Landing venue organizers didn't make the call to refuse CJ entry, sources said, as Halifax Regional Police handled security at the gates. Nobody from the police department was available for comment on the holiday Monday.

Nevertheless, for CJ, "it was heartbreaking," Martin said.



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# The federal candidates in HRM

The 2015 federal election campaign has begun, set to be one of the longest in Canadian history with 11 weeks till voters head to the polls. Within the Halifax Regional Municipality, only two of five ridings have a full slate of candidates declared from all four major parties. Check out our early overview of the ridings, and get a refresher on what happened in the last election.

**Haley Ryan METRO** 

### **Halifax**

Who's running?

Megan Leslie, NDP (Incumbent)
Andy Fillmore, Liberal Party
Irvine Carvery, Conservative Party
Thomas Trappenberg, Green Party

**Riding profile** 

Since 2008, former community legal worker Megan Leslie has held the Halifax seat for the NDP. Leslie handily won the 2011 federal election with 51.6 per cent of the vote, 12,000 over Dr. Stan Kutcher of the Liberals. As a historical note, the Halifax seat has been held by women since 1988, when Mary Clancy of the Liberals was elected before Alexa McDonough of the NDP in 1997, and now Leslie.

### **Halifax West**

Who's running?

Geoff Regan, Liberal (Incumbent) Joanne Hussey, NDP

The Green and Conservative parties have yet to declare candidates.

**Riding profile** 

Former lawyer Geoff Regan has consistently held Halifax West since 2000, and came out on top in the 2011 election over Dr. Bruce Pretty of the Conservatives by about 3,000 votes with 35.9 per cent of the vote. Regan was first elected to the riding in 1993 before losing in 1997 to Gordon Earle of the NDP, but then won once again in 2000.



The Centennial Flame, first lit in 1967 by Lester B. Pearson to commemorate Canada's centennial, burns on Parliament Hill in November 2014. STEVE RUSSELL/TORONTO STAR

### **Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook**

Who's running?

Peter Stoffer, NDP (Incumbent)
Darrell Samson, Liberal Party

The Green and Conservative parties have yet to declare candidates.

**Riding profile** 

Peter Stoffer was a customer service agent when he was first elected to the Sackville-Eastern Shore riding in 1997, and has held the seat for the NDP since then, although the name changed in 1999. In the last 2011 federal election, Stoffer came out about 10,000 votes ahead of Alex Mimnagh of the Conservatives with 54 per cent of the vote.

### South Shore – St. Margaret's

Who's running? Alex Godbold, NDP

Bernadette Jordan, Liberal Party Richard Clark, Conservative Party Green Party has not declared a candidate.

Riding profile

Now that long-time Conservative MP Gerald Keddy has decided not to seek re-election in one of the largest ridings in the province, the seat is up for grabs by any party. Although most of the riding lies outside HRM and stretches to the Annapolis Valley and Yarmouth, those living in the areas of St. Margaret's Bay, Tantallon, Hammonds Plains and some Shad Bay residents will be represented by one of these candidates.

### Dartmouth -Cole Harbour

Who's running?

Robert Chisholm, NDP (Incumbent)
Darren Fisher, Liberal Party
Jason Cole, Conservative Party
Brynn Nheiley, Green Party

**Riding profile** 

Robert Chisholm, Dartmouth's current MP, squeaked out a win during the 2011 race with 36.2 per cent of the vote and a margin of roughly 500 votes to beat out Mike Savage, the son of former Liberal MP John Savage and our current mayor. Any guesses as to who would be leading the city if Savage kept his Ottawa gig going?

### POLITICS

### Long election campaigns lead to lower voter turnout: Expert

A longer than usual federal election campaign could increase the level of general cynicism Canadians feel toward politics and politicians, says the head of Acadia University's politics department.

Professor Andrew Biro said

he doesn't think Canadians are any better served by a longer campaign. In an ideal world, a longer campaign would give voters more time to consider party platforms and policy, and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of

All the parties have become pretty centralized in terms of messaging, although it is more true of the Conservatives ... than

Acadia University professor Andrew Biro

(the) others.

andidates.

This would be true for some people, he said, but for most, a longer campaign will mean seeing more negative advertisements. Although negative campaigning can effectively motivate people who were likely to vote anyway, it also lowers voter turnout overall, he explained.

Biro suspects this factor was considered in the Conservatives' calculation because the party tends to benefit from lower levels of voter turnout or engagement.

Most people don't bother

to take the time to carefully process large amounts of information before making up their minds about how to vote, he says.

"It isn't that people don't have strong and often well thought out views on all kinds of important policy issues, from childcare to national security to climate change," Biro said. "It's that in a system of representative government, we don't ask voters for their thoughts on specific policy issues. We ask them to mark an 'X' beside a candidate's name."



PM Stephen Harper SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The 11-week campaign leading up to Oct. 19 will be

the longest since 1926. Before there was a fixed election date law, governments had more discretion about the timing of an election call. In general, Biro says, governments have tried to use that discretion to their advantage, calling an election when they felt they had the best chance of winning.

"Now they have less control over the timing of the election date but are trying to make up for it by controlling the length of the campaign," Biro said.

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Thousands celebrate 120th Natal Day bash

**FESTIVITIES** 

Sun shines brightly on parade



Ryan Metro | Halifax s than a second fo

It took less than a second for Easton Rogers to think of his favourite part of the parade marking the 120th Natal Day.

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"The bikes!" the threeyear-old said about the police motorcycles with a little jump in the air.

Thousands of residents lined the sidewalks or sat on camping chairs and blankets with umbrellas to get some shade as the sun shone bright and hot by

10 a.m. on Monday, when the parade started in Halifax's north end before crossing the Macdonald Bridge to

Dartmouth.
Halifax Regional Police rode by on horseback and



A member of the Shriners high-fives people sitting on the sidewalk. HALEY RYAN/METRO

motorcycles as Mounties in their red uniforms and the Stadacona band marched by.

They were followed by the Halifax Sparklettes smiling and throwing bright batons in the air before catching them with a twirl.

Members of regional council waved from a float as other politicians, including Halifax MP Megan Leslie sporting a city flag and roller skates, went by.

People dressed in costumes, including Indiana Jones and Master Chief from the Halo video game, represented Hal-Con in the parade while clowns and a juggling man on stilts entertained the crowds.

Christopher Easley, 11, was visiting Halifax from Kentucky, and said although the weather hadn't been great during his trip he liked the parade.

"I didn't even know this was a

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The number of kilometres for the Natal Day parade route from Halifax's north end to Sullivan's Pond in Dartmouth.

holiday," Easley said. "I thought it was quite good in all."

Margaret Nolen said she'd be taking Easley for a picnic to enjoy the sunshine, and the good thing about Natal Day is it gets everybody out and about enjoying things in the city itself.

"It's just a nice happy birthday to the city," Nolen said after the parade. "And the weather's great today, so it's a perfect day."

Friend Barb McCully also enjoyed the parade, especially the SPCA members walking dogs, but said it would have been even better with more musical acts like bands.

"From parades in the past we missed the pipers. It seems like it was a little short," McCully said.



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# Drivers to pay more for parking violations: City

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### Current ticket fines may not be enough of a deterrent



Stephanie Taylor Metro | Halifax

City staff are considering stiffer fines for drivers who don't get the message when it comes to parking bans after thousands upon thousands of parking tickets were issued last winter.

An independent review of Halifax's snow removal service standards identified that drivers' lack of compliance with parking rules was a major hindrance to the quality of service delivery.

Municipal staff said more than 12,000 tickets were issued last season.

Because these tickets carry a minimum fine of \$50 if paid within 60 days, staff summarized "at this dollar value, many residents are willing to risk getting a parking ticket, rather than incurring whatever cost is associated with securing off-street parking."

Therefore, in a separate report that lists a number of proposed changes to improve this year's winter operations, staff recommends a bump in the price of fines.

The report suggests increasing the amount of parking



Cars are parked on a Halifax street during a storm last winter. Municipal staff said that more than 12,000 parking tickets were issued to drivers during the last winter season. JEFF HARPER/METRO

tickets on a per-violation basis "with progressively higher fines for second and subsequent of-fences."

Increasing the municipality's ability to tow vehicles illegally parked during bans is also recommended.

The report said fewer than

two vehicles were towed last winter on parking ban days for a total of 87 over the entire season, due to the challenge of removing illegally parked vehicles that have been plowed in or are covered in snow.

Since the municipality's snow clearing contracts expire in

2015, staff recommend that new contracts be re-negotiated to allow for priority access to tow trucks during winter storms.

Creating permanent signs on priority roads indicating parking is prohibited during snow emergencies was also recommended in the independent review.



The cost of an overnight winter parking ban ticket, if paid within 60 days.

SNOW REMOVAL

### Plowers need more training

A long-awaited recap of what went wrong with last winter's snow clearing is heading to city hall on Tuesday.

Several reports, including an external review of Halifax's service standards, an in-house end of season report and recommended changes to this winter's operations will be discussed — likely at length — during Tuesday's committee meeting.

Staff reported that out of last season's 62 winter storms, six failed to meet performance standards for snow removal on streets due to a build up of ice and snow.

A financial breakdown also revealed the city blew past last year's \$22.4 million budget by \$13.9 million, for a total cost of \$36.3 million.

Of those overages, \$4.5 million was paid in overtime and extra salt and sand.

A whopping \$8.2 million extra was spent hiring hourly-based contract equipment and staff.

These figures, reported in an independent review conducted by Grant Thorton, were followed by numerous recommendations to improve service levels and cut costs.

One such recommendation is to partner with Nova Scotia's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to offer a "snow school" for city plow operators, which comprises 20 hours of daytime and 20 hours of nighttime operator training.

Currently, city staff said there is only one dedicated trainer for in-house workers.

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### **IN BRIEF**

### Man hit by car in crosswalk suffers life-threatening injuries

A 72-year-old man was taken to hospital with lifethreatening injuries after being hit by a car in a Halifax crosswalk on Sunday night.

The accident happened at approximately 7:30 p.m. as a car travelling north-bound onto Joseph Howe Drive in the Armdale Round-about struck the victim while he was walking in a marked crosswalk, according to a police statement.

The 72-year-old was taken to hospital with injuries described as life-threatening

Police didn't have an update on the man's condition on Monday. There is no word on possible charges.

### Motorcycle speeds through police checkpoint, crashes

The RCMP are investigating a serious collision allegedly caused by a man on a speeding motorcycle who refused to stop at a police checkpoint, and ended up crashing with a car.

Police say officers motioned for the driver to pull over as he approached the checkpoint on Route 335 in West Pubnico around 12:30 p.m. on Monday. The RCMP say the male driver didn't stop and fled faster down the road, where he eventually collided with a car.

The driver of the motor-cycle was taken to Yar-mouth Regional Hospital with unknown injuries. The woman driving the car, and a female passenger, suffered minor injuries and were taken to hospital. METRO

### Woman found dead in jail committed suicide: Obituary

The obituary for an inmate who died last week at a Nova Scotia jail says the 22-year-old woman committed suicide.

Camille Strickland-Murphy was found unresponsive in her cell at the Nova Institution for Women in Truro on July 28.

The Correctional Service of Canada did not originally release information about the possible cause of death.

The obituary says Strickland-Murphy dealt with mental illness.

The woman was serving a sentence of two years and eight months since November 2014 for robbery and a probation offence. A memorial service was planned for Tuesday in St. John's, N.L. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FUNERAL SERVICE FORMER CABINET MINISTER FROM NORTH SYDNEY LAID TO REST Family and friends carry the casket of former Conservative cabinet Minister Flora MacDonald during a funeral service in Ottawa on Sunday. The North Sydney native served as a senior cabinet member in two Conservative federal governments and made a run for the party's leadership in 1976. She died July 26 at the age of 89. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# MV Farley Mowat back to surface

### SHELBURNE HARBOUR

### **Crews** take three hours to pump water out of sunken vessel

A sunken ship has been raised off the bottom of Shelburne Harbour where it has been leaking oil since June.

Crews successfully lifted the MV Farley Mowat out of the water early Sunday morning following weeks of preparation.

"There were 22 submersible pumps placed throughout the ship, from bow to stern, and each one had a separate switch so we could start and stop it from the dock," said Keith Laidlaw, a senior response officer with the Canadian Coast Guard.

The operation began at 2:30 a.m. to coincide with the low tide cycle. Laidlaw said it took three hours to pump the water evenly out of the rusting, 54-metre vessel and allow it to rise to the

"The hardest part is making sure that you have everything done correctly, and that the first time you lift it is the last time you lift it," Laidlaw said. "You don't want to have to go back and start from square one again.'

Laidlaw said this is the third ship he's raised in the last year and a half.

The MV Farley Mowat was a concern to the Coast Guard because of the amount of oil it has been leaking since it sunk in the harbour in late June.

'We've had containment booms around the vessel since that time, and we've been recovering what has come out of the vessel," Laidlaw said.

"But we needed to stop it from polluting, and the only way we can stop it polluting was to get it lifted off the bottom.'

Laidlaw said the Coast Guard has already removed well over 10,000 litres of oil from the site. Transport Canada reported another 12 litres of oil on the water when it flew over the site this morning. Laidlaw said the Coast Guard's

next step will be to remove that oil, and any oil remaining in the ship itself.

After that, the wreck will be the owner's responsibility, he

Scrap dealer Tracy Dodds has owned the ship since he bought it at an auction in 2013.

It was expected to be scrapped after it was moved from Sydney, N.S., to Shelburne earlier this year, but it began taking on water on June 24 and sank overnight.

Dodds is currently in legal battles with the town of Shelburne over fees relating to the ship's berthage and now recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Canada will be at trade talks: Harper

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

### PM promises election campaign won't interfere

It's a campaign promise of a different sort: Stephen Harper says he won't let his marathon ballot battle keep Canada out of a massive international partnership billed as the backbone of future global trade in the Pacific Rim.

Talks to establish the longpromised 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership will continue and Canada will be there, Harper promised — notwithstanding the protracted 11-week election campaign triggered by the prime minister himself.

The partnership, "should it be concluded, will in our view form the fundamental trading network of the entire Asia-Pacific region," he said during a campaign stop in Laval, Que., north of Montreal.

"It is important that Canada remain at the table; we will remain at the table during this election campaign ... and we will make sure that should there be a deal, we will get the best possible deal for this country."

New Zealand officials told The Canadian Press last week that the talks likely wouldn't wait until after the campaign — a sentiment echoed in media reports Monday by John Key, Harper's New Zealand counterpart.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper gets instructions on how to operate a machine that puts the finishing touch to a radiator. He was touring an industrial parts manufacturing plant Monday in Laval, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taking questions on the first full day of the campaign, Harper said negotiators would continue to defend Canadian interests, notably the country's supply management system, which protects dairy producers.

Officials say last week's talks in Hawaii came close to reaching a deal - indeed, sources said the Conservatives were hoping to make an agreement a central feature of the party's campaign kickoff on Sunday.

Canada had offered to allow more dairy imports, but the offers were far from what New Zealand and Australia were asking for, officials said. Dairy-market access was one of several sticking points at the 12-country negotiations.

The Canadian economy remained a central theme of the Tory tour Monday.



### Where the leaders are today (Tuesday):

- · Stephen Harper's itinerary was unavailable
- Tom Mulcair is heading to Montreal today
- Justin Trudeau will be campaigning in Mississauga, Ont. METRO

### Creators mull rebuild after robot destroyed

The friendly Canadian hitchhiking robot that met its untimely end on the hard streets of Philadelphia might be given another chance at life.

HitchBOT's co-creators say they have been overwhelmed with support and offers to revive the child-sized robot since it was destroyed early Saturday and they are considering rebuild-

The robot was on a hitchhiking adventure in the U.S. after successful ventures in Canada and parts of Europe that saw strangers help hitchBOT travel from place to place while checking items off its bucket list.

This time, hitchBOT was dismembered before it could complete its goals - which this time included taking a selfie with the Hollywood sign and seeing the house from Pixar's "Up."

Frauke Zeller of Ryerson University and David Smith of Mc-Master University created hitch-BOT and kept its adventures going as a social experiment with a number of their students.

Zeller said many people have reached out with offers to rebuild hitchBOT, and her team will make a decision on whether or not they will bring the robot back to life in coming days.

"We were taken quite by surprise because it's been going so well so far," she said.

"We don't really know what to do, so we have to sit down with the whole team and really see where we are and what can be done.'

She said she knows the news has been heartbreaking for many of hitchBOT's fans, children and adults alike.

Since word got out, thou-

sands of supporters have taken to social media to express their sadness and outrage: "I am incensed. I hope the perpetrators are found and punished. Long live the good memories. Hope to see you reincarnated soon!" wrote one Twitter user.

"If I could drive, I would have personally helped you across the USA and kept you safe," added

Smith said the robot's destruction is the exception to "many, many" unsupervised encounters that hitchBOT has had with strangers. During its short-lived U.S. trip, the adventurous hitchBOT attended a Red Sox game — even donning a jersey over its cylindrical body — and took a ride on a New York City subway.



We've always asked, in the context of this project: 'Can robots trust humans?'

**David Smith** 

Smith said hitchBOT even had some good times in Philly, attending an extended family picnic at a park and being taken in by a well-known YouTuber who set the robot up for its next ride.

But it was then that the innocent hitchBOT met its demise.

"We've always asked, in the context of this project: 'Can robots trust humans?"' Smith said.

"And, you know, we would say at this point, mostly.' THE CANADIAN PRESS

CEREBRAL PALSY STUDY

### Cases caused by genetic anomalies

Cerebral palsy, the most common cause of physical disability in children, has long been thought to result from brain injury in the fetus. But new Canadian research is challenging that notion, finding that at least one in 10 cases likely has an underlying genetic cause.

About two in every 1,000 babies born are affected by cerebral palsy. An estimated 50,000 Canadian children and adults have the condition, which leads to varying degrees of motor impairment, including muscle spasticity and involuntary movements.

Symptoms can include epilepsy as well as learning, speech, hearing and visual impairments. Some with the disorder are mildly affected, while others can't walk or communicate.

Traditionally, cerebral palsy was believed to be caused by a stroke or infection of the brain in the developing fetus, or by birth asphyxia - a lack of oxygen to the infant during

But genetic testing of a group of affected children from across Canada found that in 10 per cent of cases, structural changes to the DNA appear to have given rise to the condition.

The research team, which includes physicians at the Mc-Gill University Health Centre in Montreal, performed genome sequencing tests on 115 children with cerebral palsy and their parents.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



### **Quebecer charged after** crash kills couple, son in critical condition

A Quebec man is facing criminal charges after a collision between his vehicle and another left two people dead and a four-year-old boy fighting for his life.

Yves Martin was charged in a Saguenay courtroom on Monday with one charge of impaired driving causing the death of two people and one of dangerous driving causing the death of two people. Martin, 35, is also charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm and dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

The man and woman died on impact, while their son was transported to a Montreal hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Feds see new space for NASA

NASA

# Privatization of space travel offers Canada opportunities



Michael Woods Metro | Ottawa

The increasing privatization of space travel could spell good news for Canadian companies, and a newly released document shows the federal government is keeping an eve on it.

An April briefing note to outgoing Industry Minister James Moore notes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's increasing reliance on private companies to provide launch spacecraft could open opportunities for Canadian companies to participate in the U.S. space agency's launches.

"NASA's increasing reliance on the private sector for its crew and cargo launch systems could represent op-



The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft lifts off from Space Launch Complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Sunday, June 28, 2015.

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portunities for Canadian companies who are heavily integrated in U.S. space supply chains," says the document.

Metro obtained the brief-

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The 2011 retirement of NASA's space shuttle program marked the beginning

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of an increased commercial role in the agency's space program, the document says. For example, NASA now depends on the Russian Soyuz to transport crew to the International Space Station.

Meanwhile, Boeing and SpaceX are developing new manned spacecraft, and SpaceX and Orbital won a contract in 2012 to provide cargo launch services for NASA.

This "major shift" is making the space marketplace more competitive and accessible, the document notes, which spells good news for Canadian companies.

For example, Richmond, B.C.-based MDA is part of a consortium of space companies providing parts for the "Dream Chaser," a new space plane being developed by U.S. company Sierra Nevada Space Systems, which would carry up to seven people to and from low earth orbit.

"Other Canadian companies like ComDev may also be potential component or sub-system providers," the note says.

While Canada lacks launch capability of its own, Canadian industry and the Canadian Space Agency have long been key players in NASA's space program and the International Space Station.



### Tornado touches down in southwestern Ontario

Weather experts say a tornado ripped through a southwestern Ontario community Sunday night, tearing the roof from a bungalow and damaging several police cars.

Environment Canada issued a statement that said the violent winds of up to 220 kilometres per hour occurred in Teviotdale, northwest of Kitchener.

It said the tornado left about nine kilometres of damage in its wake, including destroying the exteriors of two homes, ripping through barns, wrecking cars and downing both trees and power lines.

The tornado touched down at about 9 p.m. amid an extreme bout of rain, wind and hail in southwest and southern Ontario that knocked out power to thousands.

About 900 hydro workers were still working on Monday trying to restore power to the last of about 50,000 Ontarians who were still in the dark after the previous day's storms.

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ORDER OF NEW BRUNSWICK

### Honour awarded to Kevin Vickers

Kevin Vickers, the former sergeant-at-arms in Parliament, has been named a recipient of the Order of New Brunswick for his role in stopping a shooting spree by Michael Zehaf-Bibeau last fall.

Vickers stopped the gunman in the House of Commons last October shortly after Zehaf-Bibeau killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, who was standing guard at the National War Memorial, and rushed into the building with his rifle.

Premier Brian Gallant also named Camille Albert, an entrepreneur; Sister Arleen Brawley, for her work in addictions; Gary Gould, for his work with off-reserve aboriginal people; Brent Hawkes, for his leadership in support of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights; and photographer Thaddeus Holownia.

Also named were Carol Loughrey, for supporting women in business; Sister Adele Morin, for her work on behalf of children with intellectual disabilities; Dr. Rejean Thomas, a physician and a missionary; and Marlene Unger for her human rights, social justice and education work.

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MONTREAL

# Archeological dig to explore prison ruins

The City of Montreal is hoping that an upcoming archeological dig will unearth some old secrets, including artifacts from a former convent and 18th century prison whose ruins lie under city hall.

The elegant limestone building that currently houses city hall sits on a site that was once home to a Jesuit convent, which was seized by the Crown after the 1763 conquest of New France and transformed into a jail around 1768.

Earlier this week the City of Montreal put out a call for bidders for archeological services at Place Vauquelin, the square in front of city hall.

In an email, city spokeswoman Valerie De Gagne said that beginning this fall archeologists will explore the soil for traces of the convent, which dates back to 1692 and included a chapel, church, residence, yard and garden. They will also sift the ruins of a later jail, built in 1808 after the converted convent buildings were damaged by fire.

The work has been commissioned ahead of planned repairs to the square and the foundations of city hall and the adjoining building, which houses the city's finance de-

partment.

"The archeologists will survey the archeological traces that remain, and will sift the soil where they are found," De Gagne wrote. "This will allow them to learn more about the activities that took place in this location over time."

Even the "newer" jail constructed in 1808 did not serve as a jail for long, as Montreal's exploding population meant that it was outgrown by 1811.

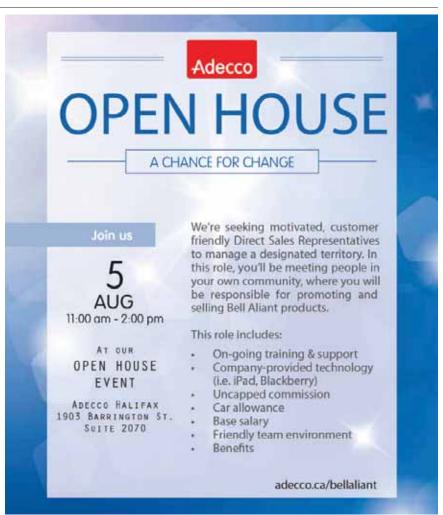
It was used as an army barracks for several years beginning in 1837, until it was demolished to make way for the building of the former Montreal courthouse in 1850.

Dinu Bumbaru of Heritage Montreal says a successful dig could allow searchers to precisely locate the convent buildings, and provide hints as to the nature of daily life and activities — details such as the size of the garden, and what was grown there.

Excavating the two jails, he said, could teach historians more about prison life.

Bidding on the contract is open until mid-August, and De Gagne said work is expected to take place this fall and in the spring of 2016.

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### **UN member states** aim to end poverty

The 193 member states of the United Nations have reached agreement on a new development agenda for the next 15 years that calls for eradicating poverty and hunger, achieving gender equality, improving living standards and taking urgent action to combat climate change.

The draft agreement reached Sunday evening outlines 17 goals with 169 specific targets on issues ranging from ending poverty "in all its forms every-where" to ensuring quality



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education and affordable and reliable energy, and protecting the environment.

"We can be the first generation that ends global poverty, and the last generation to prevent the worst impacts of global warming before it is too late," Secretary-General Ban Kimoon told reporters Monday.

The document — called Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — will be adopted at a UN summit just before the annual meeting of world leaders at the General Assembly in late September.
Ban said "the goals repre-

sent a 'to-do' list for people and the planet." The 17 new, non-binding goals will succeed the eight Millennium Development Goals adopted by world leaders 15 years ago.

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# bama going green

### CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE

### Weather helps crews battling raging blaze

Cooler weather helped crews build a buffer Monday between a raging Northern California wildfire and some of the thousands of homes it threatened as it tore through droughtwithered brush that hadn't burned in years.

At least two dozen homes were destroyed over the past few days, and more than 13,000 people were urged to flee.

The fire — the largest blaze in drought-stricken California — roughly tripled in size over

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the weekend to 240 square kilometres, generating its own winds that fuelled the flames and reduced thousands of acres of manzanita shrubs and other brush to barren land in hours.

Numerous other wildfires in California, Washington state and Oregon took off as drought and summer heat turned the West Coast combustible. California blazes killed a firefighter last week and injured four others over the weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLIMATE CHANGE

### **President sets** strict limits for power plant emissions

U.S. President Barack Obama has announced even steeper greenhouse gas cuts from American power plants than previously expected, a challenge to the rest of the world to take serious action as a

global summit to finalize a landmark climate change treaty approaches at the end of this year.

Obama's actions on climate change have faced opposition from Republicans and even some Democrats who fear the impacts on the U.S. economy.

Opponents plan to sue immediately, and to ask the courts to block the rule temporarily. The National Mining Association on Monday asked the Environmental Protection Agency to put the rule on hold while legal challenges play out.

The Obama administration last year proposed the first greenhouse gas limits on existing power plants in U.S. history, triggering a yearlong review. These final changes aim to address concerns raised by both environmentalists and the energy industry.

Some changes further cut the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming. Other changes delay implementation and eliminate certain options that states could use to

show they're cutting emissions, making it harder to comply.

Power plants will have to attain an even lower level of carbon dioxide pollution to be in compliance. Obama's proposal from last year set the target as a 30 per cent nationwide cut by 2030, compared to the levels in 2005. His new plan calls for a 32 per cent cut in the same time period.

Power plants account for one-third of all U.S. emissions of heat-trapping gases.

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### COLORADO THEATRE SHOOTING

### Jury won't rule out death penalty

Jurors in the Colorado theatre shooting trial declined to rule out the death penalty Monday as they move toward sentencing James Holmes.

The decision clears the way for one last attempt from both sides to sway the jury with gripping testimony from victims about their harm and suffering as well as more appeals to show mercy to the man convicted of murdering 12 people and trying to kill 70 more.

Holmes, who is taking antipsychotic drugs that dull his reactions, stood as ordered and appeared emotionless as the judge read the decisions. On all 24 murder counts carrying a potential death penalty two for each of the 12 people slain — the jury found that aggravating factors outweighed mitigating factors.



James Holmes. THE DENVER POST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

With that, the jury was sent home and told to return Tuesday morning for the final phase. Then, the nine women and three men will finally decide whether the 27-year-old should receive a lethal injection, or spend life in prison without parole.

The same jury rejected the defence claim that mental illness so warped his mind that Holmes could not tell right from wrong when he carried out the theatre attack in the Denver suburb of Aurora on July 20, 2012.

Prosecutors argued, and jurors agreed, that capital punishment could be appropriate because Holmes sprang a terrifying and cruel ambush on unsuspecting victims.

Defence lawyers argued that mental illness nevertheless reduced Holmes' "moral culpability," and that his personal history made him worthy of mercy. Jurors deliberated for less than three hours before deciding that his mental problems did not outweigh the horrors of the calculated attack.

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### Syrian warplane crashes

Government air raids in a northwestern town in Syria and a subsequent crash by a Syrian warplane that slammed into a residential area there killed at least 27 people on Monday, activists said.

The raids on the town of Ariha came amid intense clashes between government forces and insurgents in the northwestern province of Idlib and the central region of Hama. The town, once a government stronghold, was captured by opposition fighters and Islamic militants in May. Government forces have suffered setbacks in Idlib province since March, including the loss of the provincial capital of the same name.

An activist group known as the Local Coordination Committees said the warplane crashed in a busy market, adding that it was not immediately clear whether it was shot down. The LCC said 27 people were killed and many others were wounded.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads another activist group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said the plane crashed in the town centre, destroying several homes. The observatory later said that 31 people were killed and more than 60 were

The Ariha Today Facebook page posted a photo showing at least seven buildings reduced to rubble on a narrow street. It said 27 people were killed but that 12 of them have not been identified yet.

The group also listed 55 wounded, including nine women.

The discrepancies in the different casualty figures reported could not be reconciled.

The observatory and the LCC said that at the time of the crash, the town was under attack by Syrian President Bashar Assad's air force.

An amateur video posted online by activists showed several damaged buildings, as well as parts of the plane that crashed. The video appeared genuine and corresponded to other Associated Press reporting of the events. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RESOURCES

### **Reach out online**

To learn more from the Syrian activist group Local Coordination Committee go to www.lccsvria.org.

# Sierra Leone prepared for newest Ebola cases

WORLD HEALTH

### **CDC** director assures public after latest outbreak

Sierra Leone is in a stronger place than it was six months ago to fight Ebola, but the new challenge is to get to zero cases, the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday during a visit.

Dr. Thomas Frieden made

that statement, as new cases emerged in the city in an area that had not seen the virus for

Two new cases of Ebola surfaced in Sierra Leone's Northern Tonkolili District after a man died last week. The district had not had a single case of Ebola in five months. The victim contracted the disease in the capital, travelled to his home village, and was treated for a fever at the local hospital, but authorities didn't call the Ebola emergency number. He didn't have a burial that followed special procedures



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OB Sisay, National Ebola Response Centre

required for Ebola victims.

The man's mother and brother contracted Ebola, the National Ebola Response Centre's OB Sisay said Sunday. Authorities moved quickly to contain the spread, but more cases are feared, he said. Authorities quarantined 500

"We now know where the virus is and we are tracking its movement, by surrounding, containing and eradicating its last remaining chain of transmission," Sisay said.

Dr. Frieden said it was important that the case was identified and not missed, and he was impressed with the speed of the response.

"The challenge now is to get to zero cases and that is not going to be easy," he said. "Authorities must not let down their guard. The country should keep its guard up.'

He said a new cluster of cases in an area of Freetown means Sierra Leone must still put in place measures that have worked in the past.

This Ebola outbreak has killed more than 11,200 people worldwide with nearly all deaths in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

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In this March 7, 2015 photo, a health worker in Conakry, Guinea, cleans a man's arm before injecting him with a Ebola vaccine. An experimental vaccine tested on thousands of people in Guinea exposed to Ebola seems to work and might help shut down the ongoing epidemic. ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO/ YOUSSOUF BAH

### Pakistan monsoon death toll up to 118

floods triggered by seasonal monsoon rains in various parts of Pakistan has risen to 118 and floodwater has inundated vast areas, leaving tens of thousands homeless, authorities said Monday.

The National Disaster Management Authority said the flooding has affected more than 800,000 people in 2,275 villages.

About 2,900 houses have collapsed or are partially

The northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province is the worst affected, with 59 deaths reported there, according to NDMA's state-

In mid-July, monsoon rains followed by flash floods badly hit the northwestern city of Chitral, where flooding destroyed several bridges, homes, mosques, hotels and a power station.

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### IN BRIEF

### Man killed outside Mississippi courthouse

A man fatally shot a defendant waiting outside a courthouse Monday morning, and a suspect is in custody, according to law enforcement officials.

The suspect was identified as 24-year-old William B. Wells. The suspect got out of a car, walked up and shot the victim once in the chest with a semiautomatic handgun, Madison County Sheriff Randy Tucker said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Client's hunt legal: Safari operator

ing a lion in an allegedly illegal hunt in Zimbabwe in April did not break any laws and acted in good faith, a safari operator who worked for the American said Monday.

Landowner Headman Sibanda said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that the proper paperwork was in place for the lion hunt by his client, Jan Casimir Seski of Murrysville, Pa.

The Zimbabwe National

ment Authority, however, said Sunday that Seski was involved in an illegal hunt. Zimbabwean officials say they are seeking the extradition of another American, James Walter Palmer, for killing a well-known lion named Cecil in an early July hunt that was allegedly illegal.

Palmer has said he relied on his professional guides to ensure the lion hunt was legal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A woman covers her nose from the stench as she walks on a street partly blocked by piles of garbage in Beirut, Lebanon, on July 27. Protesters have closed the highway linking Beirut with southern Lebanon over the country's trash crisis. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Streets of Beirut awash in trash

LEBANON

### Citizen health impaired by summer heat, closed landfill

It's summer in Beirut, with celebrities and Lebanese expats flocking to international festivals and parties at this proud Mediterranean city's beaches and nightclubs. But the country's own citizens are suffocating from mountains of stinking garbage collecting on the streets — yet another reflection of government paralysis and its inability to find a solution for the capital's rubbish.

Lebanon has enjoyed relative calm amid the violence afflicting neighbouring countries in the past few years. Despite a massive influx of Syrian refugees and occasional outbursts of sectarian clashes,

Beirut has largely survived the regional upheaval, even if its politicians have been locked in internal disputes, unable to agree on a new president for more than a year.

But the country's politics caught up with it in the past two weeks after authorities permanently closed down Beirut's main landfill. The Naameh landfill south of Beirut had already been kept open for a year beyond its planned closure, in hopes that the government would find an alternative. It did not.

When the landfill closed July 17, Lebanon's notoriously gridlocked government again failed to take action, leaving piles of smouldering rubbish baking in the sun in the streets of Beirut and its suburbs.

It came amid the busiest time of year in Beirut. International stars such as singer Charles Aznavour, soprano Anna Netrebko and jazz musician Richard Bona are performing at Lebanon's famed summer festivals, and bars and beaches are at full capacity. Partygoers sidestep rotting garbage on the way to bars at Lebanon's famous Gemayzeh

As temperatures rise and the country's infamous electricity cuts worsen, the sweltering heat and the stinking, rotting garbage is provoking an outcry from Beirut's two million residents.

"It is a scandal, and what is even a bigger scandal is the politicians who don't feel the need to resign," said Paul Abi Rached, the head of the Lebanese Eco Movement.

During a 10-day stoppage, the fumes got so bad that some residents donned surgical masks against the stench. Piles of trash grew on streets, sidewalks and near building entrances.

Lebanon's commercial centre, with its beautifully restored Ottoman-era buildings and new lavish apartments, has been spared the piles of garbage for now, with most of the trash being taken to an empty lot and covered with a

plastic tarp.

Lebanon's waste management company Sukleen resumed random collection on small scale, taking trash to two temporary landfills, including one near Beirut International Airport. But those have started to fill up. Nearby municipalities have refused to accept Beirut's garbage.

Meanwhile, some people have taken to paying for private pickup truck owners to collect the garbage in front of their homes, who dump it at night in unknown locations.

Abi Rached said garbage is spreading to natural reserves, rivers and valleys and local leaders are resorting to tactics that were common during the 1975-90 civil war.

"It's gotten to a point where people are digging up pits and burying the trash," he said.

Workers are dousing the rubbish with lime powder and pesticide to knock back the smell and the spread of pests. Some people burn trash on the street, sending a brown, toxic haze wafting over the city's horizon.

"It is my duty to warn of the extensive health perils

### BACKGROUND

### A truly pungent example of political indifference

Lebanon has long lacked recycling services or even basic trash sorting, exacerbating the trash problem.

The government has been criticized for failing to take action on Lebanon's antiquated infrastructure — a symptom of the country's dysfunctional sectarian power-sharing sys-

tem that often leads to paralysis.

The civil war in neighbouring Syria and its 1.2 million-plus refugees now living in Lebanon have made the situation worse.

Despite a public outcry, very few have taken to the streets in protest. The situation may change, however, as anger on the street mounts.

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that may result from the current situation," Health Minister Wael Abou Faour said at a news conference Monday. "We don't have the luxury of time or waiting."

He said he was sounding

He said he was sounding the alarm after random landfills have started to reach full capacity, including the dump site near Beirut's airport. That has drawn warnings from the public works minister, who said the trash poses air safety risks because of smoke and birds flying over the pit.

Germany has offered to export Lebanon's trash by sea — an offer the government said it

was studying along with proposals for long-term solutions such as garbage incinerators and developing new landfills.

But it does not seem to be in a hurry, postponing the issue from one cabinet meeting to the next.

"Shame on them (politicians) and shame on us if we accept to live like this," businessman Antoine Samaha said. His family was seriously considering taking his mother, who has asthma, to live with his brother in Paris. "Every decent Lebanese should protest this situation."

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It is my duty to warn of the extensive health perils that may result from the current situation.

Health Minister Wael Abou Faour

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# 'Sense of panic' in Greece

**GREEK ECONOMY** 

### Country's main stock index takes dramatic dive

Greece's top companies lost billions in market value in a matter of minutes on Monday, when the stock exchange plunged upon reopening after a five-week closure and investors worried over a dramatic new drop in the economy.

The main stock index shed more than 22 per cent soon after the open, as traders got their first opportunity since late June to react to the latest twists in the country's econom-

The index closed 16.2 per cent lower, with bank shares hitting or nearing the daily trading limit of a 30 per cent loss.

There's a sense of panic," said Evangelos Sioutis, financial analyst and head of equities at Guardian Trust. He noted some traders are selling stock merely to raise cash because there is so little liquidity in the Greek



Employees of the Athens Stock Exchange look at stock prices in Athens, Greece, on Monday. Greece's main stock index plunged more than 22 per cent as it reopened Monday after a fiveweek closure. YORGOS KARAHALIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

economy.

"There are no buyers," he said. "The outlook is not clear."

Markets in the rest of the world, however, were largely unaffected, a sign that investors outside Greece have now largely cut off ties with the country after years of crisis There are no **buyers. The** 

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there. European shares closed

Greece's stock market and banks were closed on June 29, when the government put limits on money withdrawals and transfers to keep a run on the banks from bringing down the financial system. People were

panicking over the prospect that the country could fall out of the euro after its talks with creditors broke down.

Greece has since then resumed talks with creditors and reopened its banks. Strict limits on cash withdrawals remain, however.

Financial information company Markit said its gauge of manufacturing activity in Greece plummeted during the month to 30.2 points, its lowest ever reading, despite improvements across the rest of the 19-country eurozone.

"Manufacturing output collapsed in July as the debt crisis came to a head," Markit economist Phil Smith said.

"Factories faced a record drop in new orders and were often unable to acquire the inputs they needed, particularly from abroad, as bank closures and capital restrictions badly hampered normal business activity."

Meanwhile, a monthly survey of business and consumer confidence, the Economic Sentiment Indicator, fell for a fifth consecutive month in July to its worst level since October 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



India orders telecoms to cut access to pornography

India has ordered Internet service providers to block access to more than 850 adult websites in what the government describes as a way to protect social decency.

N.N. Kaul, a spokesman for India's department of telecom, said Monday the government was controlling easy access to pornography following a directive from the country's top court.

. Kaul said that while Internet service providers in India will have to bar access, users may still view the sites through virtual private networks and proxy servers. He said the move would protect children.

The leaked government order asks service providers to block access to the 857 sites on grounds of morality and decency.

The order has caused a furor with many in the country accusing the government of moral policing and infringing on personal freedoms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SECOND QUARTER RESULTS

### **HSBC** earnings drop 6.2 per cent

HSBC's Canadian subsidiary says its second-quarter profit was down 6.2 per cent from the same period of 2014 to C\$227 million.

The bank said the decline for the three-month period ending June 30 was mainly due to margin compression, lower gains on financial investments and higher costs.

Profit attributable to the common shareholder was C\$161 million for the second quarter, down 6.4 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier.

Return on average common equity was 14.0 per cent, compared with 15.6 per cent for the second quarter of last year.

Commenting on the results, HSBC Bank Canada president and CEO Sandra Stuart said "We are focused on growing our business in Canada, however, we do expect current challenges to continue including pressure on the oil sector and related industries and prevailing low interest rates." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**TECHNOLOGY** 

### **Nokia sells HERE Maps for \$3.1 billion**

A consortium of German automakers Audi, BMW and Daimler announced Monday it is buying Nokia's HERE map business in a deal that values the unit at 2.8 billion euros (\$3.1 billion) and secures their access to technology that could eventually be used for driverless cars.

Nokia, based in Finland, has refocused its business on producing equipment for wireless networks after selling its mobile phone handset operation to Microsoft Corp. The company said it expects to receive slightly over 2.5 billion euros from the sale, with the purchasers being compensated for HERE liabilities totalling nearly 300 million euros.

The three rival German automakers said that HERE is "laying the foundations for the next generation of mobility and location-based services." They added that "for the automotive industry this is the basis for new assistance systems and ultimately fully autonomous driving.'

The automakers said in a joint statement that they will each hold an equal stake in HERE and "none of them seeks to acquire a majority interest." They said that HERE's management will remain independent, with the goal of being a platform "open to all customers," and the consortium will not interfere in its operational

"High-precision digital maps are a crucial component of the mobility of the future," Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche said. "With the joint acquisition of HERE, we want to secure the independence of this central service for all vehicle manufacturers, suppliers and customers in other industries."

Analysts at IHS Automotive noted that HERE, along with TomTom, is one of two companies supplying navigable maps globally as an alternative to Google and Apple.



### BACKGROUND

### The next generation of the automotive industry

Matthias Machnig, a German deputy economy minister. said the acquisition is of "enormous significance from an industrial policy point of view." He added that it is "important that an open platform emerges that is open to further European manufacturers," THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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the big question

# Should you be worried about picky eating?

Kids these days, with their trans-fat-free, glutenless organic yogurt. Or do yours only eat orange food? Picky eating might be maddening, but new research published in the journal Pediatrics has The Associated Press telling parents to "take heart ... the problem is rarely worth fretting over." On the other hand, the Wall Street Journal said it "may not be as harmless as is commonly believed." In actuality, the findings were fairly intuitive. If your two- to five-year-old kids complain about broccoli, there is little cause for concern. But, "severely picky" eaters — the three per cent of those studied who had difficulty eating with others due to their restrictions — were at least two times more likely to show symptoms of depression and social anxiety. No causation was shown.

SOURCES: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

# Halifax shouldn't settle for less than the best

YOURRI Erica Butler



There's a tendency in Halifax to think something is better than nothing. I'm as guilty as anyone of this thinking, because, frankly, something usually does seem better than nothing.

Are piecemeal segments of a bike network built over 10 years better than no bike infrastructure at all?

Well, yeah, I guess. Is a somewhat-more-efficient bus route network better than a drastically inefficient one? Probably.

But there's a negative sideeffect to settling for small improvements time and again: you miss out on big opportunities.

That was the message from Frank Palermo, director of Dalhousie's Cities and Environment Unit, last Thursday night at a panel discussion on Halifax transporta-

"We see a few actions in the right direction," Palermo told the crowd at the north Halifax branch library. "And we see it as, let's take it, because it's the best we can get"

"My worry is as soon as we do that, it gives politicians licence to simply accept whatever is proposed as better than it is right now. And we lose this amazing opportunity that exists in this community right now."

Palermo was talking mostly about our transit system, currently undergoing the final workings of its redesign, still waiting to be unleashed on the transit-taking public.

As Scott Edgar of It's More Than Buses pointed out earlier in the evening, the glaring omission from the latest draft of the redesign is any effort at all to get Halifax buses moving through traffic faster. While the plan makes some moves towards more efficient route structure, it doesn't commit to the kind of frequency, speed, or reliability that will transform Halifax Transit to the realistic, viable option it should be for our citizens.

But isn't something better than nothing? After hearing Palermo last week, I have to wonder.

When the route system redesign finally comes down, it will mean a lot of disruption to a lot of people. Some folks who now have service will lose it. Others will find their favourite routes will now involve transfers or walking.

No matter how well it turns out after the dust settles, Halifax Transit will spend a lot of social capital on this redesign, so it's important that it's not just better. It's important that it's great.

"We might call ourselves a bold city," Palermo told the No matter how well it turns out after the dust settles, Halifax Transit will spend a lot of social capital on this redesign, so it's important that it's not just better. It's important that it's great.

crowd, "but we take no bold steps. We will only become bolder if there's a loud public voice that says better is not good enough: what we want is the best."

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### ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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# The struggle not to compare myself to friends is crucial

Mum says comparison is the quickest way to unhappiness.

I know she's right, but I can't stop it. And the worst is when I compare myself to friends.

The other day I listened to a friend recount a long list of creative projects she's accomplishing outside of a very busy job (a few zines, a few short stories, a blog), and secretly seethed.

I'm happy for her, but frustrated at myself. Part of that makes no sense (I've never wanted to make a zine) and part of it is all too familiar.

I completed a degree in creative writing, and since I started working in journalism, I've battled the idea that I'm failing somehow in comparison to friends who regularly write and publish their fiction and poetry.

We all want to be the best, or even just our best, but given how much some people seem to be able to accomplish in life, the highwater mark is murky.

Maybe my best is a dual career as a novelist and non-fiction writer, who also raises three kids, sings in a band and curates a home of well-chosen oddities from my travels

It's surely more than I am doing right now, given that Netflix is my bedmate.

Or, maybe my best is to spend so much time with Netflix I become an un-

likely pop-culture writer who parses the work of Ruby Rose for deeper human insight.

It's easy to avoid comparison to Rose herself. I never wanted to be an actor. It's much harder not to compare myself to my jet-setting reporter friend who is both kind and talented, or my powerhouse editor friend who will rule this insulated media town before too long. I do OK, because I love them and understand that we're different.

But the editor has fielded awkward treatment from women colleagues and friends less than comfortable with her success.

It seems that women know how to be friends, and know how to be professionals, but there is tension when the two entwine. Part of it, I think, is the sense that there's only room for so many women at the top. But every person jealous of a friend has to ask how much they value that friend. And if they do, they need to find a way to get over their jealousy.

My parents never told me what they want me to be, beyond a happy, good person. They haphazardly read this column, and are more concerned I call my grandmother; less concerned with my career trajectory.

So I have their example, as an antidote. And I bet I'll always need it.



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# Politics overtake the cake

LAYERS OF MEANING

### **Bakeries slice** up ideologies American style

It should be a piece of cake. Customer comes in, asks for a cake with a specific design or for a particular event, baker makes it, everyone's happy.

But sometimes customers and bakers have clashed over what goes on the cake, or whether to make it at all. An Oregon bakery was fined \$135,000 for refusing to bake a cake for a lesbian couple's wedding. A baker in Colorado earned a customer's ire because she refused to write anti-gay messages on his cake. A Louisiana man posted a video to the Internet lambasting a local Wal-Mart for not making a cake with a Confederate flag on it.

Somehow, this mix of flour, butter, eggs and sugar with frosting on top has become yet another delivery system for American political debate, raising questions about where the customer's free speech ends and the baker's begins.

Cake has had symbolic meaning in this country," even aside from politics, said Stephen Schmidt, food historian and writer for the Manuscripts Cookbook Survey. "We think of cake as something that can

carry that meaning, whereas I don't think the French do."

But some political experts question whether frosting florets on a cake really are the best way to get your way of thinking out there. Would a strongly worded tweet, letter to the editor or yard sign be a better choice than the grand unveiling of the cake to the tune of Happy Birth-

"There's got to be some kind of psychological profile of individuals who deem it important enough to have their politics on their cake," said Doug Muzzio, political science professor at Baruch College. "Have their cake and ideology, too."

Some of the most contentious fights have involved bakers who refused to make a cake for same-sex weddings, frays that have also entangled the likes of florists and photographers.

and were awarded damages.

There's also been the reverse. Last year, when a customer wanted anti-gay messages on a cake, Marjorie Silva, owner of Azucar Bakery in Denver refused to do

it. She told him that she would bake the cake, but that he would have to write his own messages. "We're hu-

> too; we have our beliefs, we should be respected," she said Free

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Images and words perceived

A Louisiana man in June

wanted a local Wal-Mart to

make a cake with an image of

the Confederate flag and the phrase "Heritage Not Hate,"

but was refused. Chuck Netz-

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In 2009, a New Jersey super-

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Brooklyn Law School.

ers' wishes. Stacey Leon, of New York City's Butterfly Bakeshop, said she and husband keep their personal feelings out of the oven. While they've never been asked to make a cake they thought was truly objectionable, they have made cakes for causes they don't personally believe in.

"If it's a political party that we don't agree with, that doesn't mean we're not going to make their cake," she said. "We just have to separate the way we feel from our business.' THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that being forced to make a cake for something that went against their religious beliefs was a form of compelled speech

> Bakery owners Aaron and Melissa Klein of Gresham, Ore., said their religious beliefs would be violated in 2013 if they made a wedding cake for a lesbian couple. The women filed a discrimination complaint

There's got to be some kind of psychological profile of individuals who deem it important enough to have their politics on their cake.

Doug Muzzio, political science professor at Baruch College in New York City



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### Never act like a smug know-itall, even if the boss is clueless



They might in charge, but bosses don't always know best.

Maybe you're responsible for your organization's social media feeds, while your superior has never sent a tweet.

Or you could be the number-cruncher at a company where the CEO can't grasp basic math. When your understanding of your niche has your boss beat, articulating your needs and processes can be frustrating.

Here's how to navigate the knowledge gap.

### First step: attitude check

Just because your manager lacks expertise in your area of specialization doesn't mean they're unintelligent or unqualified to lead.

High-ranking supervisors, especially if they are respon-

sible for a range of teams across different departments, are likely more concerned with big-picture functioning than the nitty-gritty of individual positions

So while your capabilities may far surpass your superior in certain domains, they probably possess a toolbox of skills you don't have.

After all, your boss' job isn't to do your job — it's to oversee your work.

### Filling the cognitive holes

Which doesn't mean clueless leadership can't interfere with your day-to-day.

If you find yourself aggravated by your manager's missing intel, take it upon yourself to fill those cognitive holes. Adopt an informative approach, in which you provide thorough (and easy-to-follow) detail on the task or problem at hand, carefully outlining your favoured approach.

It might be tempting — and even self-satisfying — to pas-sive-aggressively seethe over your boss' flimsy foundation in your particular sphere of interest.

But your work will go smoother if you arm them with the knowledge you wish

Important: While offering your information, swap confrontation for collaboration. You may consider yourself smarter than your boss. Your relationship might be strained due to a perceived — or even real — lack of appreciation for your stresses and duties.

But if you want to educate the highers-up, don't act fed up. Be generous and patient with your explanations, and avoid smug or sarcastic com-

### Be an ally, not an enemy

During meetings, it may be a struggle not to roll your eyes - but you'll get a lot further if you establish yourself as

An oblivious boss can be a bummer — but they also represent an opportunity.

Instead of thinking of your uninformed manager as a nuisance, think of this situation as a chance to demonstrate your capabilities and authority within your professional realm.

Make your boss dependent on your insights, and your standing will rise. Then maybe, when the timing is right, you'll be made the boss.

# "Help, I'm smarter than my

### For workplaces to be truly equal, men need to step up

Asia **Ewart** Metro in New York

Men, 2015 is the year you help women advance in the workplace. Despite a steady — but slow - increase in the number of women in high-ranking board positions, women in the working world are not advancing nearly as quickly as their male counterparts.

Men, however, can help.

"It's important for men (to get involved) because they control more of the influence and the power," says Hattie Hill, president and CEO of the Women's Foodservice Forum, which focuses on the leadership of women in companies like Kraft and Kellogg.

Hill spoke with Metro about four key ways men can help women break the glass ceiling.

### Pay attention

Hill says that, for starters, men can increase their overall awareness about the issue by paying attention to workplace practices. Take note of the types of work females are assigned, ask them questions and get their



Men can do their part to make workplaces more equal. ISTOCK

### Give women more responsibilities/tougher tasks

Men in more powerful and senior positions should take advantage of their position to give more responsibilities and challenges to female staffers. An act as small as giving a female employee two or three extra things to do or switching up some of her tasks can get the ball rolling, says Hill. For example, if you notice a woman constantly taking meeting notes, delegate that task to someone else and give her another responsibility.

### Shut down mansplaining

"If you're in a board meeting and a woman says something,

and then a man comes back and says the same thing, you can speak up and say, 'You know, Mary just said that. Thank you, Mary, for that comment," Hill says. "It's changing the communication to be more effect-

### **Ask questions**

Engage the women around you. "Ask them, in terms of your industry or your organization, 'What do you think we need to change?" Hill says. Women in your workplace know the workings of the company and the politics of the work environment; they just haven't been asked about them yet.

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# Price is money in debut

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### New Blue Jays ace strikes out 11 batters over eight innings

David Price Day had everything from rousing ovations and powering strikeouts to the thrill of danger and the offensive explosion the Toronto Blue Jays are known for.

Thanks to 11 strikeouts from Price in eight strong innings, his debut was also a 5-1 victory against the Minnesota Twins that put the Blue Jays in a tie for an American League wild-card spot.

"I just wanted to go out there and have fun, pitch as deep as possible into the game and keep it close for our offence," a smiling Price said. "I'm definitely thrilled with the way today went."

Price was dominant all afternoon, especially after he gave up a home run to Torii Hunter in the second and loaded the bases with no outs in the fourth. The ace left-hander acquired last week from the Detroit Tigers showed why the Blue Jays were willing to pay a hefty price, retiring the final 15 batters he faced.

"The place was alive," manager John Gibbons said of Price getting out of the bases-loaded jam. "That's hard to do. I don't care how good a pitcher you are. That's real hard to do. But he pulled it off and really ran from there."

As he walked off the mound following his 119th pitch, Price tipped his cap to the sellout

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The Twins managed just one run off of David Price on Monday in Toronto. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

crowd of 45,766 at Rogers Centre that fixated on and adored his every move. His 11 strikeouts tied a franchise record for a pitcher making his debut, and he allowed just three hits and two walks.

"That's what an ace does," said second baseman Ryan Goins, who hit a solo home run.

Price brushed off the strikeout record and said he would've rather gotten all 27 outs. But

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the way he dazzled the crowd contributed to the buzz on the holiday Monday in Toronto.

Running off the experiences in his career from the 2008 World

Series run with the Tampa Bay Rays through last year's playoffs with the Tigers, Price put his Blue Jays debut at the top of the list.

"That was the best atmosphere I've ever been in," Price said. "I've pitched in quite a few big games, but that atmosphere today, that takes the cake. I've never experienced anything like that. That was cool."

When Price was in the dugout, the lineup Josh Donaldson confidently declared the best in baseball got to Minnesota starter Ervin Santana and the bullpen to the tune of eight hits and two home runs. In addition to Goins, Donaldson hit a two-run home run, his 27th of the season, and later heard chants of "M-V-P."

"It's not like we've seen it a couple times," Gibbons said of Donaldson's power. "He's been doing it all year."

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### RIO 2016 OLYMPICS

### Schools to develop water cleanup strategy

Rio de Janeiro Gov. Luiz Fernando Pezao signed a deal Monday with several Brazilian universities and research institutes to develop a plan for cleaning up the polluted waters of the city's sewage-strewn Guanabara Bay, where Olympic sailing events will be held.

Pezao hailed the deal as a "very important step" toward the long-promised cleanup, which has dragged on for more than 20 years with little progress.

As part of Brazil's Olympic project, authorities pledged more than six years ago to drastically cut the amount of raw human sewage in the bay before the 2016 Games. But only one of the eight promised treatment plants aimed at filtering much of the waste out of the rivers that have become open-air sewage ditches has been built, and the bay's once-crystalline waters remain fetid.



## The bay can be in good shape in 2025, 2030 or even 2035.

Rogerio Vale, representing Rio's federal university

An Associated Press investigation published last week revealed high counts of disease-causing viruses directly linked to human sewage in Olympic

In a statement from his office, Pezao was quoted as saying that since Rio won its Olympic bid in 2009, the city has boosted the treatment of sewage that once flowed into the bay from 17 per cent to 49 per cent. The original promise was to treat 80 per cent of sewage that ends up in the bay by the 2016 Games, but state and municipal officials have repeatedly acknowledged there's no way that pledge will be met.

Seven universities — six of them public institutions — as well as several research institutes will develop the new clean-up plan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SENATORS

### Arbitrator awards Hoffman \$2M deal

Ottawa Senators forward Mike Hoffman was awarded a \$2-million US, one-year deal by an

Hoffman asked for \$3.4 million and the Senators \$1.75 million in player-elected salary arbitration.

The 25-year-old finished sixth in Calder Trophy voting for NHL rookie of the year with 27 goals and 21 assists.

Hoffman is set to be a restricted free agent again next summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mike Hoffman GETTY IMAGES

# Tipster was a sex pen pal: Prosecutor

An anonymous tipster who raised questions about a juror in the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez had a sexually explicit relationship with him, a prosecutor said in a filing released Monday, the day Hernandez's girlfriend was seen wearing a wedding band.

Prosecutor William McCauley said an attempt by Hernandez's lawyer to question the tipster under oath is an "unwarranted fishing expedition."



Hernandez GETTY IMAGES

McCauley said in his filing that the woman wrote Hernandez sexually explicit letters before and during the trial and, believing in his innocence,

wanted to continue their relationship after he was released.

IN BRIEF

### Burnett hopes to get back on mound this season

Pirates right-hander A.J. Burnett is hopeful of pitching again this season after an MRI on his pitching elbow revealed a strained flexor tendon rather than a torn ligament.

The 38-year-old Burnett said Monday that "I'm going to do everything I can to make it back." He reiterated that he will retire at the end of the season.

Doctors told Burnett to rest four weeks.
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# The changing face of pro coaching

### **ATHLETICS**

### Women find work leading highest-level sports teams

Becky Hammon believes the possibilities are limitless for women coaching in pro sports.

One year ago this week, she broke the gender barrier, becoming the first full-time paid female assistant coach in the NBA. Now Hammon's happy to see she's no longer the only woman in the profession.

Nancy Lieberman accepted an assistant coaching job the other day with the Sacramento Kings, and the Arizona Cardinals made Jen Welter the NFL's first female coach last week.

"I think anything is possible," Hammon said Sunday before the New York Liberty honoured her at a game. "Just because something's never been done doesn't mean it can't be done. Leadership has no gender. The point is, do you know basketball? Do you know what it takes to lead



I hope we get to the point in society where this is not news any more.

**Becky Hammon** 

people?"

Clearly for Hammon, the answer was yes. The 5-foot-6 former WNBA star once hoped to play in the NBA. Now she's a trailblazer of a different sort.

"If you have a daughter, or even a woman in your life, it is worth supporting because of the bigger picture, because of the opportunities it will lead to down the road for little girls," Hammon said. "We're not asking the male to get up and leave his seat. We're just saying scoot over a little bit. Make a little room at the table for the ladies."

Hammon said she hasn't had a chance to chat with Lieberman yet since she was hired, but the two did talk when they were both coaching in the Las Vegas summer league last month.

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Becky Hammon celebrates after the Spurs' summer league team's championship win over the Phoenix Suns on July 20 in Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### Serves 6

Ready in Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

### Ingredients

- · 6 ears of corn, husks removed
- 3 Tbsp light mayonnaise
- · 3 Tbsp light sour cream
- 2 Tbsp chopped dill
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper
- 1 oz crumbled feta cheese · Dash of red chili flakes or chipotle chili powder

### **Directions**

- 1. Grill corn for about eight to 10 minutes, just until barely tender.
- 2. On a large plate, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, dill, lemon juice and salt and pepper.
- 3. Roll corn into mixture coating well. Sprinkle with feta cheese and red chili flakes

### **Nutrition per serving**

- Calories 180
- Protein 6 g
- · Carbohydrates 29 g
- Fibre 7 g
- Total fat 4.5 g
- · Saturated fat 2 g
- · Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 130 mg

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Aries March 21 - April 20 Negative feelings will be swept away both at home and at work and life will be fun again. It will be even more fun if you help those who are feeling down learn to smile again.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 If you made an error recently then now is the time to stand up and admit it. Loved ones won't think any the less of you, in fact they will be impressed by your courage.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Don't worry if you have been unable to get through to loved ones because today's Venus-Jupiter union will make words redundant. They will see by the look in your eyes that your feelings for them have grown.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 There are things you have been unable to do of late but they will now come easy to you. In fact, there is nothing you cannot accomplish if you want it enough. Just don't waste time chasing what you don't need.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23 Your confidence will improve, especially in one-to-one relationships. All the doubts, fears and anxieties of the past will be swept away by what takes place over the next few days.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Take stock of where you have been and where you intend to go in the very near future. Don't worry that you cannot make things happen immediately. There is no need to rush.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 You are more likely to reach the top of your chosen profession if you are prepared to work as part of a team rather than try to do everything yourself. Share the workload today.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 No one can get the better of you now, you are just too sharp. On the work front especially, your star is on the rise and people in positions of authority are watching you closely.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 No matter what certain people may be telling you there is every chance that you will taste success over the next few days. But it's only a chance, it's not guaranteed. Get up and out and make things happen.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Something that has been worrying you will finally be resolved today and the sense of relief will last throughout the week. Now, why not go out and try something different?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 No matter how many upheavals there have been lately, what happens today will put everything in perspective. You have precious little to worry about.

Feb. 20 - March 20 Get things done. Even if you prefer to leave the nuts and bolts to other people you will actually enjoy taking care of details today. Just don't lose sight of the bigger picture

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